

The House Committee on Education offers the following substitute to HB 689:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, so as to require annual instruction in the dangers of methamphetamine use in the course of study in health and physical education as prescribed by the State Board of Education; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Part 2 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to competencies and core curriculum, is amended by striking subsection (c) of Code Section 20-2-142, relating to prescribed courses and the development and dissemination of instructional materials on the effects of alcohol, and inserting in its place the following:

"(c) The State Board of Education shall prescribe a course of study in health and physical education for all grades and grade levels in the public schools and shall establish minimum time requirements and standards for its administration. The course shall include instruction concerning the impact of alcohol, tobacco, and drug use upon health. The course shall include instruction on the dangers of methamphetamine use. The local boards of education shall be authorized to utilize state and local resources, such as a local drug task force, to assist in providing such instruction. A manual setting out the details of such courses of study shall be prepared or approved by the State School Superintendent in cooperation with the Department of Human Resources, the state board, and such expert advisers as they may choose. The Department of Education is directed to assemble or develop instructional resources and materials concerning alcohol and drug abuse, taking into consideration technological enhancements available for utilization of such instructional resources."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

H. B. 689 (SUB)